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— ON DR FRANCIS  
Ryan

Dear John,

The only thing that may not be self-evident about the material I am enclosing is what I'm asking you to do about it. I would appreciate a favor if you would read it and alert me if I have inadvertently committed some breach of taste or good policy in my remarks. Please don't have a high threshold about that. I'm asking you for this favor because I know how deeply you would feel about speaking forcefully but correctly about anything that concerned Francis.

If the text does seem quite harmless to you, however, I would ask you to just send it directly on to Mr. First. You don't have to add any other covering letter besides the one I've written myself, unless you particularly care to do so.

There is no enormous rush about this since he mentioned a deadline of November 1. However, I haven't even acknowledged that I was going to give him a contribution and if there is going to be a need to use more time I ought to know about it so that I can at least send him an acknowledgement.

I will, of course, be looking forward to seeing you about a month from now, and in fact I did just call Betty Ryan and expect to be staying at her flat and so will be very conveniently located for seeing a bit of you.

I have also made a tentative appointment with David Truman as a step in the following up of our earlier correspondence. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg,  
Professor of Genetics

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Encl.

John  
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